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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

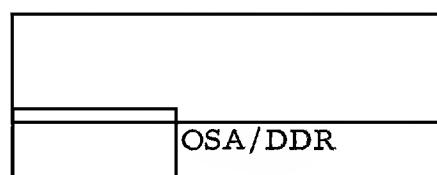
SUBJECT: Position Paper of the United Nations
Outer Space Committee

1. I have reviewed the attached basic position paper in conjunction with OSI and find nothing in it to which we could reasonably object. However, sub-paragraph (b) on page 8 of Annex A states in substance that the United States has proposed that in the first stage of general and complete disarmament "states shall give advance notice of launchings of space vehicles and missiles, together with the track of the vehicle." Unless there has been a radical change in the Agency's position this is, of course, completely unacceptable. OSI concurs with this view.

2. It should be noted that in the group which will be discussing the paper at today's meeting are many participants who possess neither operational nor KH clearances. Consequently, any discussion of satellite reconnaissance will have to be limited.

3. For this same reason I don't believe we should broach the subject of the Soviet failure to register their unsuccessful Venus probes in this group, and I suggest that perhaps it would be appropriate to request Alexis Johnson to convene his special committee (yourself, Charyk, Kaysen, Dryden, etc.) to consider approaches to this problem.

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